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## COMMUNICATION

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Sir:

Further to the Reply & Amendment filed in connection with the referenced application on June 25, 2001 and in complete response to the Official Action mailed March 23, 2001, attached is the executed Declaration of Okazaki Yasushi.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Declaration, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

No fees are believed to be due by this paper. However, in the event that any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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